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## PATENT APPLICATION

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TRAINING SEQUENCE )

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### DECLARATION OF PRIOR INVENTION IN THE UNITED STATES TO OVERCOME CITED PATENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.131)

#### Purpose of Declaration

This declaration is to establish completion of the invention of this application in the United States at a date prior to November 2, 2000 that is the effective date of the patent to L'Allier et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,606,480 B1 that was cited as prior art by the examiner. The persons making this declaration are only some of the joint inventors. Mr. C. Michael McLain, one of the inventors who assigned the application to the assignee, is no longer employed by the assignee as he is retired.

#### Facts and Documentary Evidence

The invention of this application was completed at least as early as November 23, 1999, as is established by the attached Exhibit A that is a packet with a CD-ROM containing


computer files relating to service and support-documentation and training of the Hewlett-Packard LaserJet Model 3100/3150 that was distributed by Hewlett-Packard as of February 1, 2000.

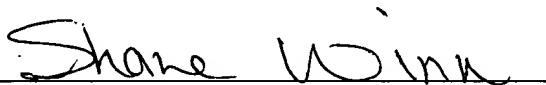
FIGS. 3-13 of the above-referenced patent application are formal drawings that were made to correspond to images of the CD-ROM and representative screenshots from the CD-ROM are attached hereto as Exh. B, which underscores the authenticity of the fact that the patent application drawings and the screenshots of Exh. B are substantially identical. If the CD-ROM is placed in a computer and the windows explorer tool (for example) is used to examine the files, it will be apparent that the Lessons folder contains HTML files identified as 01.HTML through 52.HTML which comprise the lessons files. The list of these files indicates that they were last modified on November 23, 1999 at 11:55 p.m. Two screenshots of the list of these files is attached as Exh. C.


One of the inventors, Michael Hachigian, submitted an invention disclosure identified as PDNO 10003586 that was submitted April 20, 2000, which briefly describes the invention for the purpose of consideration of patentability by an invention review committee. As is indicated on the first page of the disclosure in response to the question "Was the invention disclosed to anyone outside of HP, or will such disclosure occur? If so, the date(s) and name(s):" Mr. Hachigian wrote, "Yes, implemented by Sakson & Taylor. Available to the public 2/1/2000." The invention disclosure also discloses in response to the question, "Was the invention build or tested? If so, the date:". In response to this question Mr. Hachigian wrote, "Yes, on web 2/1/2000." The subject invention disclosure is attached hereto as Exh. D.

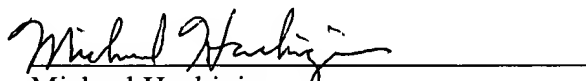
The above exhibits are evidence that the invention was completed at least as early as November 23, 1999, which is nearly one year prior to the filing date of November 2, 2000 of the L'Allier application which issued as the '480 patent.

As a person signing below, I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both under 18 U.S.C. § 1001, and that such willful statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issued thereon.

  
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